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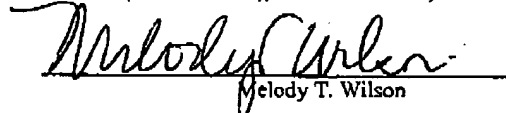
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 23, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination and a petition for two-month extension of time accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.